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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shannon, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for athree month extension of time extending to May 29, 2002, the period for response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001. A check for \$920.00 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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